

Application No. 10/541,166
Response dated: June 7, 2006
In Reply to Restriction Requirement dated: February 7, 2006

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated February 7, 2006, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the claimed invention. Applicant is required to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted.

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claim 1 is amended, Claim 2 is cancelled and Claims 4-15 are withdrawn.

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is at least found in the specification, the figures, and the claims as originally filed. More particularly, support for amended Claim 1 is found in originally filed Claim 2. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Particularly, the Examiner identifies:

Species I, Figure 1,
Species II, Figure 5,
Species III, Figure 6,
Species IV, Figure 8, and
Species V, Figure 10.

Claim 1 is indicated as being a generic claim.

In reply to the restriction requirement, Applicant herein elects Species I, Figure 1 and including Claims 1 and 3, without traverse.

Notwithstanding the present election, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a related application(s) without prejudice with respect to the present amendment or otherwise.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Consideration and allowance of Claims 1 and 4-15 are requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the below-listed phone number regarding this Response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

If there are any charges due with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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